

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1646
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Toshio ARIYASU et al)	Examiner: C. Kaufman
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Appln. No.: 09/617,545)	Washington, D.C.
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REPLY TO PAPER NO. 8: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2001, petition for three months' extension of time and late fee being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Delete non-elected claims 8-10, 15 and 16 without prejudice to the present invention and without prejudice to applicants' rights to pursue the invention of such non-elected claims in a divisional application without any penalty whatsoever, applicants relying on Sections 121, 120 and 119.

Please amend the claims by rewriting claims 1-5, 11, 12 and 14 in its amended form as follows (attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the